

EEF HEAD RECEIVES ONE OF FOUR KNIGHTHOODS



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More than 70 people, including headteachers, heads of academy chains, education charity bosses and governors, were recognised for their services to education in last Friday's Queen's Birthday Honours.

Three were made Commanders of the British Empire, 22 Officers of the Order of the British Empire and 35 Members of the Order of the British Empire. Seven were awarded the British Empire Medal.

KNIGHTS

Kevan Collins, chief executive of the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), Nick Weller, the executive principal of Dixons Academies in Bradford, Michael Davis, chair of the Prime Minister's Holocaust Commission and Tom Jeffery, the director general of the Department for Education's (DfE) children's services and departmental strategy directorate, were all knighted.

Sir Nick's academy trust runs seven schools in Bradford. His honour came at the end of a week in which a pupil of one of its schools was charged with attempted murder of a teacher.

Dr Collins, 54, started teaching in the 1980s in Tower Hamlets. The EEF boss also appeared on Channel 4 show Undercover Boss in his role as then chief executive of the



London Borough of Tower Hamlets. He became chief executive of EEF at its launch in 2011.

He said: "I am honoured to receive this recognition. Since starting out as a primary teacher in the East End of London, I've been privileged to work with many fantastic organisations and people dedicated to improving education for children and young people.

"Through my work with the EEF, it's been a joy to witness the collective will of schools up-and-down the country to tackle the massive issue of educational inequality in our system and improve outcomes for children from disadvantaged communities."

Sir Thomas has been director general at the children's services department for 11 years and was part of the team responsible for the establishment of 3,500 children's centres to support disadvantaged families. He recently oversaw the Children and Families Act 2014.

MBE

John Vincent and Henry Dimbleby were recognised for their efforts to improve school meals.

The co-founders of the Leon restaurant chain led a government-commissioned independent review of school food, published two years ago.

Mr Vincent said: "There are many people who have thrown themselves behind the school food plan. Most importantly the headteachers and school chefs across the country.

"There are also many others who contributed their passion, positivity and expertise in creating the plan, and I have written a thank you to many of those on the Leon website.

"I am really chuffed to have been awarded an MBE and just as happy about the amount of messages we have received congratulating us – I hope everyone involved recognises that this is a tribute to all of our collective efforts.

"Let's use it as a reminder that we have done much, and that there are many more exciting things ahead of



Henry Dimbleby and John Vincent

us. Children are already happier and healthier as a result of what has been achieved, let's use this positivity to do much more."

Their report formed the basis of revised rules on school dinners in England, brought in earlier this year.

Mr Vincent also thanked people from across the political spectrum who had the "vision and determination" to improve "the life chances of children through school food".

BEM

Achoirmistress who has worked at the same school for 40 years and has led hundreds of girls through singing competitions was awarded a British Empire Medal.

Debbie Lammin (pictured), 59, became a choirmistress when she was 19. She led the girls' choir at Mayfield School, south London, where she had also been a pupil, and continued when Mayfield closed and became Burntwood School nearly 30 years ago.

During her tenure, the choir has recorded film scores at Abbey Road and Pinewood studios, the girls have reached the final of the National Festival of Music for Youth, been successful in both the Choir of the Year competition and the BBC Songs of Praise Competition, and twice represented England at the International Eisteddfod in Llangollen.

Mrs Lammin, who trained at the Royal



Academy of Music, said: "It is lovely to be recognised in this way. What is nicest is knowing that people value what you do. I am quite surprised how touched I really am."

CBE



Diana Owen, the chief executive of Nottingham's LEAD Academy Trust, is the only woman from the schools sector to receive a CBE.

Ms Owens, a national leader of education since 2008, was the headteacher of Huntingdon Primary School for 14 years – a school which is now part of the LEAD trust. During her time at the helm, she led the school from special measures through to two consecutive outstanding Ofsted judgments.

Ms Owen said: "I feel so honoured to receive the award. The success of the LEAD Academy Trust is down to a lot of people's hard work, determination and commitment to provide a high quality education for all the children in our schools.

"I will be dedicating the award to everyone who is part of the trust."

Other CBEs for services to education

were awarded to Hamid Patel, the head of Tauheedul Education, and Francesca Sulke, Lewisham Council's executive director for children and young people.

Ms Sulke led the department when its safeguarding and looked after children's services were rated as outstanding by Ofsted in 2012. She is now standing down from her role.

Blackburn-based Tauheedul Education is a multi-academy trust that runs a number of academies and free schools. Tauheedul Islam Girls' School in Blackburn and Darwen last year achieved a 96 per cent A to Cs pass rate at GCSE, the highest for pupils on free school meals.

Mr Patel is also a national leader of education. Before Tauheedul, he was the director of strategy, change and external relations at Bradford College.

OBE

Peter McPartland, 62, the headteacher of Trinity Special School in Dagenham, received an OBE.

He said: "I was very proud, surprised, a little embarrassed and a little guilty because I know that OBEs are awarded on the strength of many other people who have supported me in my work.

"I'm very proud to represent the special schools service in this way. I represent the work of many hard-working pupils, parents and staff and it is an honour to accept this

award on behalf of them."

Dayo Olukoshi, the principal of Brampton Manor Academy in East Ham, London, also received an OBE.

"For me, the reward I get from helping to make a difference to the life chances of the young people and families that I have been fortunate to work with over the years is more than sufficient," he said.

"This award is for Brampton Manor Academy. We are also reminded that our job is not yet done."



Peter McPartland



Dayo Olukoshi

QUEEN BIRTHDAY'S HONOURS LIST – 2015

<p>KNIGHTS BACHELOR</p> <p>Dr Kevan Arthur Collins Chief executive Education Endowment Foundation</p> <p>Michael Lawrence Davis Chair Prime Minister's Holocaust Commission</p> <p>Thomas Baird Jeffery, CB Director general Department for Education, Children's Services and Departmental Strategy Directorate</p> <p>Nicholas John Weller Executive principal Dixons Academies, Bradford</p> <p>CBE</p> <p>Diana Owen Chief executive and trustee LEAD Academy Trust</p> <p>Hamid Patel Chief executive Tauheedul Education</p> <p>Francesca Sulke Executive director Children and Young People, Lewisham, London</p> <p>OBE</p> <p>Sarah Louise Bailey Executive headteacher Queensbridge Primary School, De Beauvoir School and Mapledene Children's Centre, Hackney</p> <p>Donna Barratt Headteacher Glebe Primary School, Harrow</p> <p>Professor Christopher John Budd Professor in Applied Mathematics University of Bath</p> <p>Elizabeth Bull Headteacher Slated Row School, Milton Keynes</p> <p>Patrice Canavan Headteacher Oaklands School, Tower Hamlets, London</p> <p>Lauren Costello Executive headteacher The Federation of Moredon Primary and Nursery School and Rodbourne Cheney Primary School, Swindon</p> <p>Lesley Jean Davies Council member and education trustee</p>	<p>NACRO</p> <p>Sharon Lesley Gray Headteacher Netherfield Primary School, Nottingham</p> <p>Andrew Stephen Griffiths Headteacher Elowes Hall Sports College, Dudley, West Midlands</p> <p>Jack Hatch Headteacher St. Bede Church of England Primary Academy, Bolton</p> <p>John Hamilton Henderson Executive headteacher White Woods Multi Academy Trust, Rotherham</p> <p>Kevin Hollins Principal Knutsford Academy, Cheshire</p> <p>Georgetta Elaine Holloway Director The Central Learning Partnership Trust and Headteacher, Heath Park Academy, Wolverhampton</p> <p>Sally Elizabeth Jaekle Early Years Services manager Bristol City Council and Senior Adviser, South West National Strategies</p> <p>Colin Alexander Kinnear For services to the Arts and Education in Worcestershire</p> <p>Desmond Paul Lambert Principal Plumpton College</p> <p>Thomas Mannion Headteacher St. Aloysius College, Islington</p> <p>Peter Joseph McPartland Headteacher Trinity Special School, Barking and Dagenham</p> <p>Dr Dayo Olukoshi Principal Brampton Manor Academy, East Ham</p> <p>Elizabeth Seers Headteacher Heaton School, Stockport</p> <p>David Mark Sellens Headteacher Thomas Jones Primary School, Kensington and Chelsea</p>	<p>Margaret Anne Walpole Headteacher Paddock School, Wandsworth</p> <p>John Woodward Chief executive officer Busy Bees Group</p> <p>MBE</p> <p>Raymond Barker Chair of governors Honilands Primary School, Enfield and director, British Education Supplies Association</p> <p>Sharon Bell Manager Broadwater Children's Centre, Stevenage</p> <p>Alice Jane Bennett Principal Madresfield Early Years Centre, Worcestershire</p> <p>Jennifer Susan Boyd Headteacher Rosewood Special Free School, Southampton</p> <p>Patricia Carroll Operations manager Peterlee Contact Centre, HM Revenue and Customs</p> <p>Suzanne Chambers Partnership Headteacher Tutor University of Cumbria, Lancashire</p> <p>Dorothy Alma Clark For services to Education and to the community in Surrey</p> <p>Clare Collins Chair of governors Weyfield Primary Academy, Surrey</p> <p>Christine Jane Cook School inclusion manager Hayes Primary School</p> <p>Emma Louise Cravitz Educational Psychologist London</p> <p>Linda Helen Crawley Chair of governors and proposer Alban City School</p> <p>Henry Dimbleby Restaurateur School Food Plan</p> <p>Derek Esp Hinton St George and Yeovil, Somerset</p>	<p>Julia Elizabeth Grove Chair Free Church Education Committee</p> <p>Robert Michael Hadfield Chair of governors Crampton Primary School, Waltham, London</p> <p>Kathleen Rebecca Harker Basic skills development manager Ministry of Defence</p> <p>Bernadette Susan Holmes Teacher and modern languages education advocate Ipswich</p> <p>Louise Marie Hough Assistant head of service resonate Liverpool's Music Hub</p> <p>Elizabeth Sinclair-House West London</p> <p>Lynn Margaret Jones Assistant Principal Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy, Staffordshire</p> <p>Peter Kessler Founder and chair of governors Eden Primary, Muswell Hill, London</p> <p>Claire Louise Layland Special educational needs teacher Plymouth</p> <p>Donna Marie Lewis Head of consolidation and financial reporting Education Funding Agency</p> <p>Robert Sidney Love Local authority governor Morden Mount Primary School, Greenwich</p> <p>Jean Lesley Lewis Chair of governors Ashmount Special School, Loughborough.</p> <p>Ann McDonald Voluntary trusts secretary The Mary Budding Trust</p> <p>Heather Ann Ogburn Founder HMS Heroes</p> <p>Aileen Margaret Parry Chair of governors Oaklands School, Cheshire</p> <p>Alison Mary Pendle</p>	<p>Founder and committee member West Wiltshire Portage Service</p> <p>David John Henry Pickhall Music teacher Brentwood School, Essex</p> <p>Garry Douglas Reed Headteacher Swimbridge Church of England Primary School, Devon</p> <p>Frances Mary Rodgers Founder Rodett Playgroups, London</p> <p>Roy Simpson Durham</p> <p>Rosemary Mantia Campbell-Stephens Educator consultant Equality and diversity leader and leadership trainer, Birmingham</p> <p>John Alexander Vincent Restaurateur School Food Plan</p> <p>Sheila Williams Volunteer Petts Wood Playgroup, Kent</p> <p>BEM</p> <p>Helen Mary Ayling Vice-chair of governors Uplands School, Sandhurst</p> <p>Elaine Lilian Ferry Dance teacher and principal Three Spires Dance School, Coventry</p> <p>Caroline Estella Fowke Governor Sheldon School, Wiltshire</p> <p>Claire Judge Volunteer Development committee, Ashurst Wood Community Pre-School</p> <p>Deborah Alison Lammin Choir mistress Burntwood School Chamber Choir, London</p> <p>Anne Robson Lloyd Drama teacher Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne</p> <p>Glenda Mee Teaching assistant Impington Village College, Cambridgeshire</p>
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